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STONEHENGE: SCIENTIFIC INTERPRETATION

No place has generated so much speculation and wild theories as the standing stones of Stonehenge. After traveling for miles through the rolling hills and plains of the English countryside the sight of this unusual structure made me gasp. A walk around it only provoked more strange feelings. There's a sense that this is something very important. For over 5000 years it has stood silent vigil over the earth. It has been excavated, x-rayed, measured, and surveyed. Yet despite all that has been learned about its age and construction, its purpose still remains one of the great mysteries of the world.

What truth lies in those massive stone rings? And why do I even bother to learn about it? From my experience of actually coming face to face with Stonehenge, I felt a sense of great intrigue; words cannot describe how I felt that day. It taunted me with its mystery. I may never know the full truth about it, but I think that my study is important because I will fully understand how the Stonehenge has influenced the present, as it is one of the ties to the history of humanity and I believe that it deserves respect. Stonehenge is surely Britain's greatest national icon, symbolizing mystery, power, and endurance. Its original purpose is unclear, but some have speculated that it was a temple made for worship of ancient earth deities. It has been called an astronomical observatory for marking significant events on the prehistoric calendar. Others claim that it was a sacred site for the burial of high-ranking citizens from societies of long ago.

While I can't say with any degree of certainty what it was for, we can say that it wasn't constructed for any casual purpose. Only something very important to the

ancients would have been worth the effort and investment that it took to construct Stonehenge.

Now it is important to define the object and subject of my research.

The object of the research is the phenomenon of Stonehenge.

The subject of the research is the existing theories of the Stonehenge's origin and peculiarities of its importance for society.

After completing a series of studies and analyzing the above information, I came to the conclusion that Stonehenge has not only one purpose. The problem is that Stonehenge is a colossal building of that time, and for building it people have to get a great motivation (motive). Is it for science? Of course, it is a wonderful idea, but based on society's experience and some historical proofs the authorities and people are not going to spend the budget and resources on the development of science.

Another thing is entertainment ("bread and sights"). For entertainment people can spend any cost. My version is that Stonehenge was such a prehistoric building of culture, it did not necessarily have to be a theater. Sacrifice, for example, is also a sight. Also, we can take into account the ancient people of the Maya, who not only performed such games, but also victimized victims. Hanging stones are no exception (by the way, if you take into account the name there could hang people).

This also could be a place for collecting athletes as in the coliseum of ancient Rome. There could be a variety of games. This could be a point of reference for marathon players. The champions could be buried there too, if you take into account the fact that there were found the remains of people. Taking into account the theory that on the Stonehenge stones one could define the solar eclipse and the days of equinox. In such days championships could be held, accompanied by various rituals and worship of various gods of that time. It is also worth noting the similarity of Stonehenge with the coliseum of ancient Rome, whose idea of design is also a mystery. If scientists put forward theories that the hanging stones were built by the

Romans, then the possible alternative could be - the idea of a coliseum could be attributed precisely to Stonehenge.

Stonehenge is not just a chaotic cluster of stones. It is a world-famous monument embellished with history, the mysticism of which worries people to this day. Nature could not do that. It's a pity that there are not any records, manuscripts, drawings that could help in the research. Perhaps, there was no writing at that time or simply there was no opportunity or desire to transfer experience to new generations.

Generally, my theory has not got less weaknesses than others. It's amazing that Stonehenge does not leave anyone indifferent. Mankind knows that these are not just stones, not fragments of Cyclops scattered by the hand and no magical tricks of Merlin, it's a mysterious symbol of antiquity that still needs to be unraveled.

Summing up, I would like to say that Stonehenge is one of the greatest Seven Wonders of the World, but what do we really know about it. What was its purpose, how was it built and by whom. Many different answers come up when asking the question "What was the purpose of Stonehenge", some say that it was a horrid place, which the Druids used for religious sacrifice, but most others have a more positive idea. A temple of the sun, a Pagan Cathedral, or a holy sanctuary in the middle of blessed ground, or maybe a clock or even a place to Predict Eclipses. No one really knows what it was used for; this is due to a great number of facts surrounding all of these ideas. Many ideas come up when talking about why this great structure was built along with an equal amount on who built it.

Stonehenge really boggles the mind when you look at all the possibilities it holds. Where the people back then so intelligent that they knew how to predict seasons and eclipses, or were they religious cult members using it as a horrid sacrificial temple. For all we know Merlin did just make it appear out of nowhere, this is all very vague. But this essay was to give an educated guess about "What was the purpose of Stonehenge?" From the information I found there are many ways solving this task. It

is not so unrealistic to assume this, we know so little about the culture back then who says that they couldn't have figured it out.

So in conclusion, I believe that Stonehenge was a prehistoric building of culture, a place for people as in the coliseum of ancient Rome. Stonehenge is truly the greatest mystery in the world, I hope the scientists will find out what it was truly for someday.

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